French artist Hedva Ser to be named UN Artist of Peace

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The United Nations agency tasked with conserving and promoting humanity’s cultural heritage will next week officially designate French artist Hedva Ser as an Artist for Peace in recognition of her contribution to the spirit of tolerance and bringing cultures closer together.

The UN Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization (UNESCO) said the designation of Ms. Ser as an Artist for Peace by the agency’s Director-General, Irina Bokova, in Paris on Tuesday will also be in appreciation of her dedication to UNESCO’s ideals.
Through exhibitions of sculpture, tapestry and jewellery all over the world, Ms. Ser has placed her art at the service of peace, of which her monumental sculpture, ‘Tree of Peace,’ has become an emblem, according to UNESCO. She is also the founder and co-chair of the Centre for Women Artists in the Jordanian capital, Amman, which she established in close cooperation with the UNESCO Goodwill Ambassador Ivonne A-Baki.

UNESCO Artists for Peace are internationally renowned personalities who use their influence, charisma and prestige to promote UNESCO’s message. They include Cameroonian musician Manu Dibango, musician Gilberto Gil of Brazil, Portuguese actress and singer Maria de Medeiros and author Frankétienne of Haiti.